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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A TRANSACTION WITHOUT  
THE USE OF SPOKEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TRANSACTION  
PARTIES**

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/144,513 filed on October 25, 2001, which has matured as U.S. Patent No. 6,685,188, issued on February 3, 2004, the entirety of which application is incorporated herein by reference thereto.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[0002] The present invention relates generally to an electronic device that uses a computer application that allows parties the use of transactional flash cards on digital screens of any such electronic device. More particularly it relates to a computer application that lets a user control a digital device that displays digital transactional flash cards. Transactional flash cards are described in pending U.S. patent application serial number 10/144,513, filed October 25, 2001 by Rehbein et al., titled "Method and Apparatus for Performing a Transaction Without the Use of Spoken Communication Between the Transaction Parties." A digitally displayed transactional flash card allows one first party user to order an item from at least one second party without the use of spoken language. The computer application consists of an executable program, a database of transactional flash cards and a user profile, all of which are located in the memory portion of the computer. The executable program allows the first party user to interact with the database, create his/her preferences and make notes on digital transactional flash cards. It also allows first party users of an electronic device with this computer application installed on it to